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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. The cited documents were identified in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. For the Examiner's consideration, a copy of this communication, mailed July 23, 2002, is enclosed herewith. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not a representation that any or all of the information cited herein is necessarily effective as prior art against the subject application.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(c), because this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action under § 1.113, a notice of

allowance under § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and given the statement below under 37 CFR § 1.97(e), Applicant is entitled to consideration of the cited information.


In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1), Applicant hereby states that each item of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant believes that neither a petition nor payment of a fee is necessary for consideration of the cited information. If, however, it is determined that a petition and/or payment of a fee is necessary for consideration of the cited information, Applicant respectfully requests that this paper be treated as such petition and/or that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-1125. For example, if, unbeknownst to Applicant, this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a final action under § 1.113, a notice of allowance under § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, Applicant requests that the required fee under § 1.17(p) be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-1125. Moreover, the Commissioner is explicitly authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-1125 for any other fee shortages.

Applicant respectfully requests that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner, and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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